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FOR GREEN FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE ATTENDANCE AT SEATO

1. AS YOU KNOW, ROMULO WILL BE IN AUSTRALIA AS WHITLAM
GUEST FOR A FEW DAYS STARTING SEPT. 12. HE WILL THEN
RETURN BRIEFLY TO MANILA BEFORE HEADING TO NEW YORK.

2. SINCE THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE ATTENDANCE AT THE
SEATO MEETING WILL PROBABLY STILL BE UNRESOLVED DURING
THE PERIOD OF THIS VISIT, I GAVE ROMULO A BRIEF EXPLANATION
OF WHITLAM'S POSITION AND TOLD HIM YOU WERE ATTEMPTING
TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE.

3. ROMULO, WHO STRONGLY FAVORS VIETNAMESE ATTENDANCE, HAS
OFFERED TO BE OF ANY HELP WHICH YOU MAY CONSIDER
ADVISABLE. HE EXPECTS TO CONSULT YOU ON WHERE MATTERS
STAND WHEN HE SEES YOU IN CANBERRA. REGARDS.
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